



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 195

LCO No. 828

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 54-36a of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (b) (1) Whenever property is seized in connection with a criminal
5 arrest or seized pursuant to a search warrant without an arrest, the law
6 enforcement agency seizing such property shall file, on forms
7 provided for this purpose by the Office of the Chief Court
8 Administrator, an inventory of the property seized. The inventory,
9 together with the uniform arrest report, in the case of an arrest, shall be
10 filed with the clerk of the court for the geographical area in which the
11 criminal offense is alleged to have been committed; except, when the
12 property is stolen property and, in the opinion of the law enforcement
13 officer, does not exceed [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars in
14 value, or when an attempt was made to steal the property but the
15 property at all times remained on the premises in a sealed container,
16 the filing of an inventory shall not be required and such property may

17 be returned to the owner. In the case of property seized in connection
18 with a search warrant without an arrest, the inventory shall be
19 attached to the warrant and shall be filed with the clerk of the court for
20 the geographical area in which the search warrant was issued. If any
21 criminal proceeding is transferred to another court location, then the
22 clerk with whom the inventory is filed shall transfer such inventory to
23 the clerk of the court location to which such action is transferred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2012	54-36a(b)(1)
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Statement of Purpose:

To relieve local police departments of the administrative and financial burdens of inventorying and storing stolen property by raising the property value threshold that determines when the police must file an inventory and retain the property.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]